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SUBJ: INCIDENTS ON HONDURAS-EL SALVADOR BORDER

1. GENERAL SOMOZA TOLD THE AMBASSADOR AFTERNOON OF JULY 19 THAT GENERAL LOPEZ HAD JUST TELEPHONED HIM TO EXPRESS HIS CONCERN OVER INCIDENTS ON THE HONDURAS-EL SALVADOR BORDER. ACCORDING TO LOPEZ, APPROXIMATELY 25 EL SALVADOR TROOPS DRESSED IN HONDURAN ARMY UNIFORMS HAD REPORTEDLY CROSSED INTO HONDURAS. WHILE THESE TROOPS HAD NOT BEEN APPREHENDED SERIOUS SHOOTING INCIDENTS HAD ALLEGEDLY OCCURRED.

2. GENERAL LOPEZ ASKED GENERAL SOMOZA TO CALL PRESIDENT MOLINA AND INFORM MOLINA THAT HE (LOPEZ) THOUGHT THE TENSION WAS GETTING DIFFICULT TO HANDLE AND HE HOPED THAT MOLINA WOULD SHARE HIS CONCERN AND ACT ACCORDINGLY.

3. GENERAL SOMOZA LATER INFORMED THE AMBASSADOR THAT HE HAD TELEPHONED PRESIDENT MOLINA AND PASSED GENERAL LOPEZ'S MESSAGE TO HIM. SOMOZA SAID THAT MOLINA WAS UNAWARE OF ANY SUCH BORDER INCIDENTS BUT SHARED LOPEZ'S CONCERN IN PREVENTING ANY INCIDENTS WHICH

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MIGHT AGGRAVATE THE EXISTING DIFFICULT SITUATION.

SOMOZA SAID THAT HE HAD TRANSMITTED MOLINA'S RESPONSE
ON TO LOPEZ.
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